DEPLOYMENT PREPARATION

The answer to some of the questions

Where the Air Force has sent me for vacations lately

- South Africa: Operation Atlas Res
  15 March 2000 – 7 April 2000
- Ramstein, Germany: Joint Task Force Shining Hope
  8 April 1999 – 17 June 1999
- Aviano, Italy: Operation Joint Guard
  20 February 1998 – 22 June 1998
- Riyadh Air Base, Saudi Arabia: Operation Southern Watch
  27 June 1995 – 5 October 1995

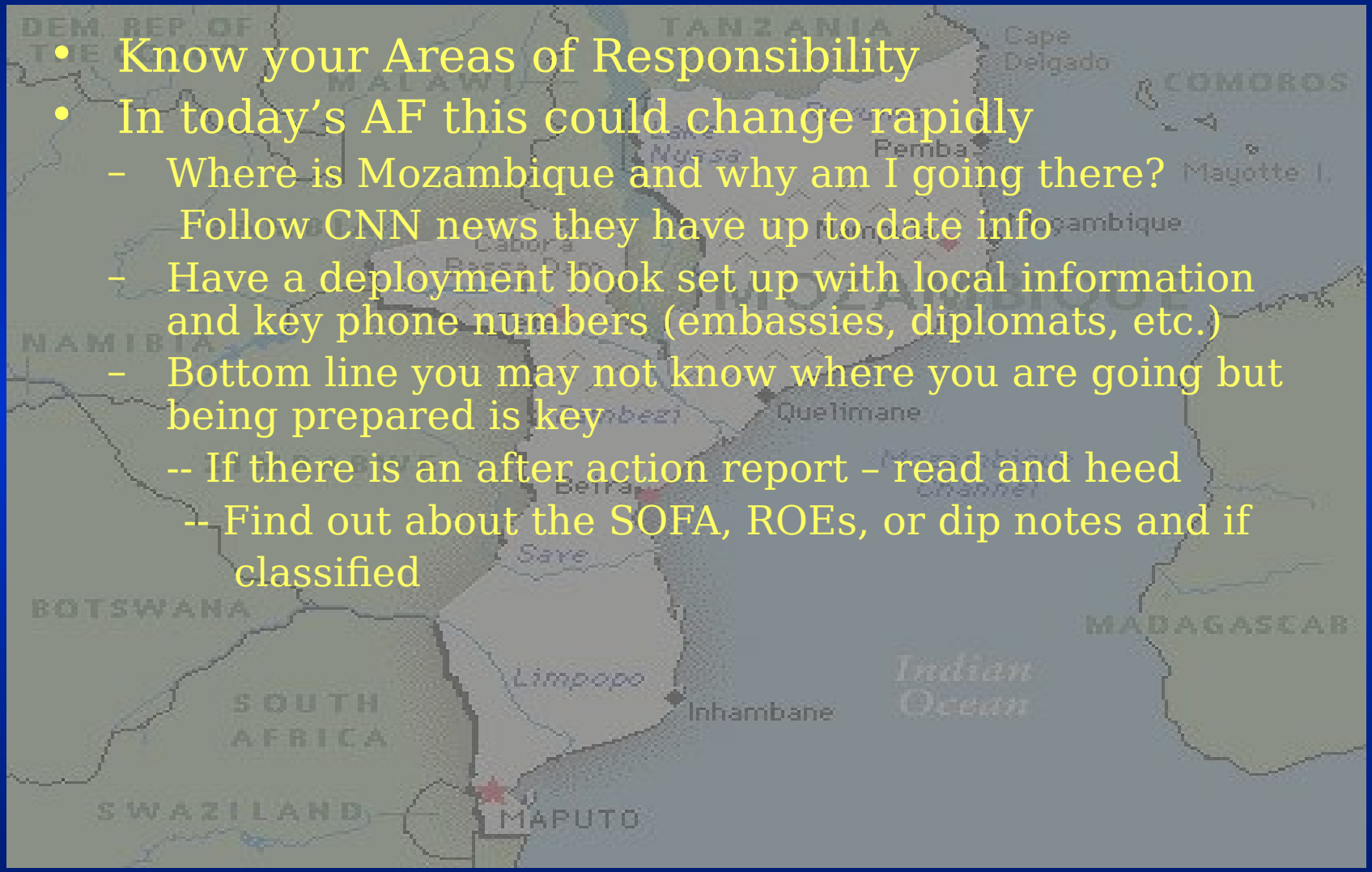
The 6 W's You should know before deploying

- Which one will go—will it be me?
- Where are we going?
- What do we need to bring with us?
- Why are we going—what is the mission?
- Who else is going to be there?
- When are we to be in place and how are we getting there?

Which one will go—will it be me?

- Training is key—JAG Flag is just the beginning you must be a jack of all trades and able to make quick decisions
- Experience is essential—you will be the only person there—you are the corporate knowledge!
- Deployed settings are serious and not a time to train e.g. Khobar Towers, bombing of USS Cole
- Ensure every member has everything in order e.g. wills, POA's because you may deploy quickly
- Know what your UTC number is and have a head start on packing your bags

Where are we going?



- Know your Areas of Responsibility
- In today's AF this could change rapidly
  - Where is Mozambique and why am I going there?
    Follow CNN news they have up to date info
  - Have a deployment book set up with local information and key phone numbers (embassies, diplomats, etc.)
  - Bottom line you may not know where you are going but being prepared is key
    -- If there is an after action report – read and heed
    -- Find out about the SOFA, ROEs, or dip notes and if classified

What do we need to bring?

- **What is available in the area?**
- **Is this a bare base setup?**
  - **If so, find out where mobility kits are (Chuck Busby can be your best friend)**
  - **Are there desks, buildings, electrical outlets?**
  - **Do you have adaptors for phones, electric, etc.**

What are the weather conditions?

How about the terrorist treat—chemical agents

JA Equipment - XFFJ6

- JA BLOCK Type I
  - UTC is equipment only
  - Configured to support two judge advocate personnel
  - UTC approved by TJAG in Nov 99
  - XFFJ6 UTC has been added to the TUCHA
  - Employment CONOPS is being prepared

JA Equipment - XFFJ7

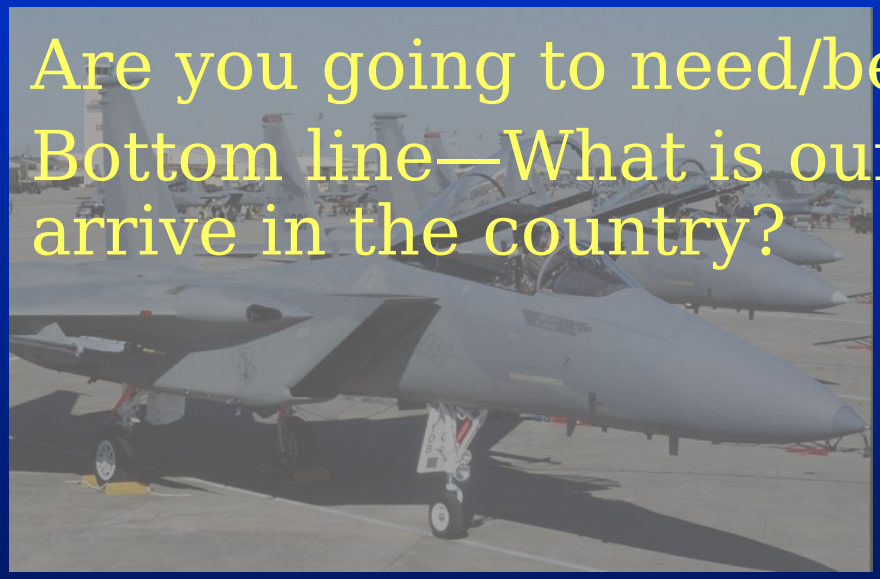
- JA BLOCK Type II
  - UTC is equipment only
  - Configured to support one judge advocate, paralegal, or XFFJ UTC
  - UTC approved by TJAG in Nov 99
  - XFFJ7 UTC has been added to the TUCHA
  - Employment CONOPS is being prepared

What else to bring

- **The right attitude**
  - **Long hours are a reality**
  - **Stress is a given with the long hours**
  - **Be willing to work outside your area**
  - **Core Values -- Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all you do**

Why are we going?

- Support of war fighting contingency?
- Support of humanitarian relief?
- Are we assisting another country?
- Do you have an activation order and G-series orders for the commander?
- What are the ROE's for the area.
- Are you going to need/be a court reporter?
- Bottom line—What is our mission once we arrive in the country?



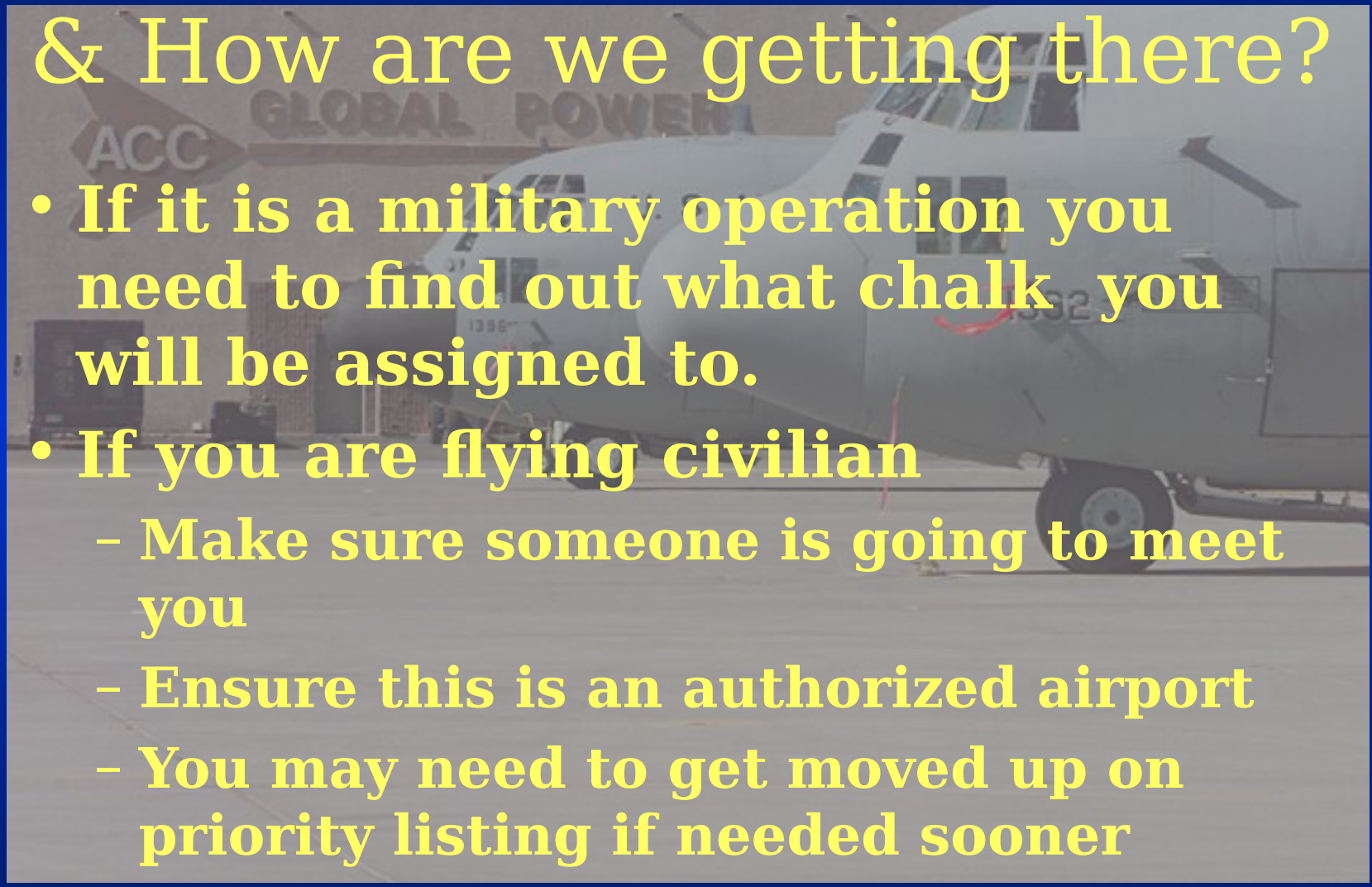
Are You Ready?

- Check reporting instructions if available.
- Make sure you are qualified medical/dental.
- Take care of legal issues, i.e. Wills, POA, etc.
- Get uniforms .
- Accounting and Finance/Taking care of paying bills.
- Which AEF/UTC are you assigned?
- What are the requirements? Train and be ready!
- Identify shortfalls early.

Who else is going to be there?

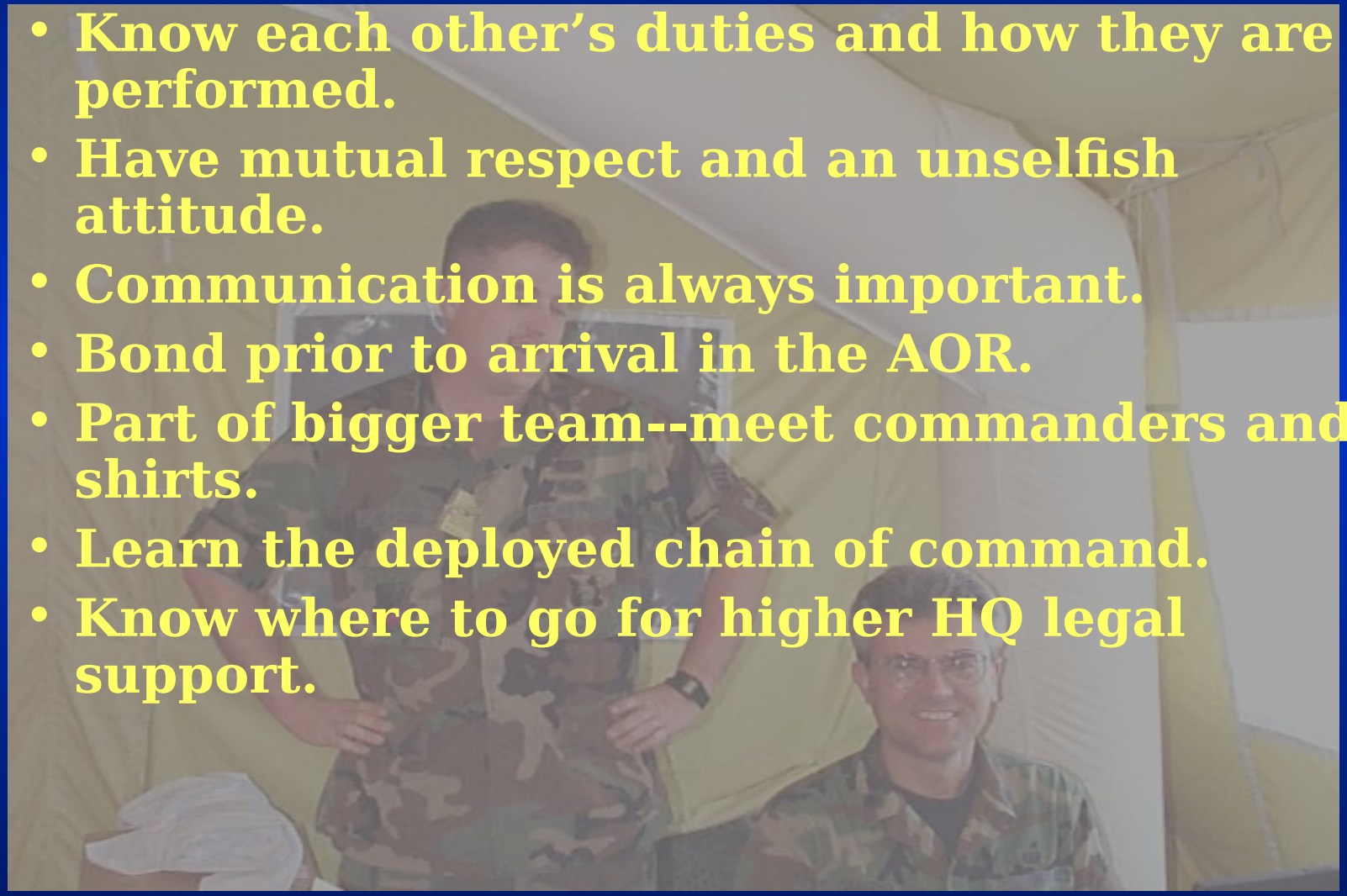
- **Who is running the operation (AF, Army, Joint Ops, NATO, etc.)?**
- **What other legal support is available?**
- **Is there computer support?**
  - **Find out where Comm is setting up**
  - **Do you have LAN/Internet capability**
  - **Do you need to have a secure voice and secure LAN**

When are we to be in place & How are we getting there?



- **If it is a military operation you need to find out what chalk you will be assigned to.**
- **If you are flying civilian**
  - **Make sure someone is going to meet you**
  - **Ensure this is an authorized airport**
  - **You may need to get moved up on priority listing if needed sooner**

Teamwork is critical



- **Know each other's duties and how they are performed.**
- **Have mutual respect and an unselfish attitude.**
- **Communication is always important.**
- **Bond prior to arrival in the AOR.**
- **Part of bigger team--meet commanders and shirts.**
- **Learn the deployed chain of command.**
- **Know where to go for higher HQ legal support.**

Helpful websites

- After action reports: https://aflsa/jag.af.mil/GROUPS/AIR_FORCE/JA-O/afteract.htm
- EAF: https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/
- SWA: https://wwwmil.acc.af.mil/ja/swainfo.htm
- ONW: https://www.incirlik.af.mil/onw/
- State Dept countries: http://www.state.gov./www/regions.html

More sites

- OPSEC/COMSEC: https://afpubs.hq.af.mil/pubfiles/af/31/afi31-401/afi31-401.pdf
- ROE guide: https://www.fas.org/man/index.html
- Doctrine: https://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/new_pubs/jp4_0.pdf
- Gift giving: https://aflsa.jag.af.mil/GROUPS/AIR_FORCE/GENERAL_LAW/Ethics_Updates/aug98.htm

Some more sites

- Anti-deficiency: https://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/ https://aflsa.jag.af.mil/GAO_REDBOOKS/ https://afpubs.hq.af.mil/pubfiles/af/65/afi65-608/afi65-608.pdf
- Claims: https://afpubs.hq.af.mil/pubfiles/af/51/afi51-501/afi51-501.pdf
- Military Justice in a Joint environment: https://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/new_pubs/jp0_2.pdf

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Conclusions